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JUSTICE COURT PRESENTS AWARDS

The Association and Board of Justice Court Judges presented its Justice Court awards on April 30, 2004, at the annual Justice Court Conference in St. George, Utah.

The 2004 Justice Court Judge of the Year Award was presented to Judge Jerald L. Jensen in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the people of Davis County, the Justice Court Board and Association, and the Utah Judiciary. Judge Jensen has served as a Justice Court Judge since 1987, and currently presides in the Davis County Justice Court. Judge Jensen is currently serving a three-year term on the Utah Judicial Council. He has also served as a member of the Utah Justice Court Board in various capacities for the past 11 years, including a two-year term at board chairman.

The 2004 Justice Court Service Award was presented to Judge Kim T. Adamson for her outstanding efforts on behalf of Justice Courts in Utah and for her distinguished service to the nation. Judge Adamson was appointed to the Salt Lake County Justice Court in March 1997.

She is a Chief Warrant Officer-4 in the United State Marine Corps Reserve and was called to active duty as an Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Officer for Operation Enduring Freedom.

In addition, a 2004 Amicus Curiae Award was presented to Paul Boyden, president, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, for his dedication to assisting and improving the Justice Courts of Utah. And a second 2004 Amicus Curiae Award was presented to Brent Johnson, general counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts, for his dedication to assisting and improving the Justice Courts of Utah.

Utah Justice Courts are established by counties and municipalities and have authority to rule on Class B and C misdemeanors, ordinance violations, small claims, and infractions within their jurisdiction. There are 136 county and municipal Justice Courts in Utah and 128 Justice Court judges, some of whom serve more than one court.

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